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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. ROMANIAN HEARINGS. THE HOUSE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED HEARINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, JUST A WEEK AWAY. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO SOME BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THEM ON MTN RECIPROCITY AND ON EMIGRATION "QUIRKS" SUCH AS STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES, TCP PROCESSING, IN-ELIGIBLES, ETC. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON HOW TO EXPLAIN THE PERSISTENT AND SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND ROMANIAN FIGURES ON EMIGRATION TO THE US. OUR LINE HAS BEEN THAT IT IS MOSTLY DUE TO EMIGRANTS TO THE FRG WITH US EXIT VISAS.

2. VEST VISIT. VEST IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BUCHAREST SATURDAY, JUNE 24 ON TAROM 206 FROM BRUSSELS AT 7:15 P.M. HE WILL DEPART WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 ON TAROM 236 FOR ROME AT10:
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15 A.M. WE AWAIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS PROGRAM. MORE WORK: WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DRAFT HIS SPEECH TO THE JOINT COUNCIL, THE THEME BEING US-ROMANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE CONTEXT THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. IN VIEW OF THE AUDIENCE, ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT BUT NOT A DOMINANT PART. VEST WANTS A FULL TEXT, NOT JUST THEMES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DRAFT BY JUNE 12,

SINCE WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, INCLUDING THE HEARINGS, IN THE WORKS.

3. ANDY YOUNG VISIT. AS PART OF A ROUND OF PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS, UN AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AUGUST. IN EASTERN EUROPE, HIS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE INCLUDES ROMANIA (AUGUST 14-16) AND YUGOSLAVIA. WE KNOW AUGUST IS THE WORST POSSIBLE MONTH IN WHICH TO FIND ROMANIANS TO TALK TO, BUT IT IS THE ONLY MONTH HE CAN DO IT. DO NOT RPT NOT SHARE THIS YET WITH THE GOR BUT MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR AND BEGIN TO THINK OF A PROGRAM FOR HIM. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE DATES ARE FIRM.

4. POPESCU/MANGIAFICO CONFAB. WE WERE BOWLED OVER BY THIS; ARE YOU SURE LOU DIDN'T HALLUCINATE THIS VISITATION? MORE SERIOUSLY, THERE IS MUCH USEFUL MATERIAL HERE, AND IT COMES AT A GOOD TIME. OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO LOU FOR SMOOTHLY SLIPPING IN A REFERENCE TO RAUTA IN A WAY THAT ELICITED AT LEAST A MILDLY POSITIVE RESPONSE. WE PRESUME YOU WILL SHARE WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY POPESCU'S REMARKS ABOUT THE ROSINGER CASE. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU MIGHT ASK WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY COMMENT ON HIS STATISTICS REGARDING EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. VANCE

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